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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

W.R. (Reforms) Dept. – M/s Aruna Multiculture Pvt. Ltd.- Levying the water royalty charges as per Act No 13 of 1997 at Rs 500/- per acre per year for Aquaculture instead of Industrial water charges for consumptive use -Partial modification – Accorded- Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.63 **Dated: 30.12.2022**
Read the following:

1. The A.P Water Tax Act 1988.
2. The A.P Water Tax Act, 1997.
3. G.O.Ms.No. 7, AH,DD & F (Fish.II), Dept., dt. 16.03.2013.
4. G.O.Ms.No.1, I&C (P&I) Dept., dt. 12.01.2022.
5. G.O.Ms.No.1, W.R (Reforms) Dept., 17.01.2022.
6. From the ENC (I), WRD, Lr. No. ENC(I)/EE/DEE1/ AEE2/ IWS (Sarvaraja Sagar Reservoir), Dt. 04.05.2022.

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O R D E R:

In the G.O. 5th read above, the Government have accorded permission to M/s Aruna Multiculture Pvt. Ltd., YSR Kadapa District, for the drawl of 0.09 TMC of water annually (i.e. once in 3 months totalling to 0.09 TMC) from Sarvaraja Sagar Reservoir to set up Aquaculture Development Center in Indukur (V), V.N.Palli (M) of YSR District, subject to certain terms and conditions and subject to payment of water royalty charges for consumptive use as fixed by the Government from time to time.

2. In the letter 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), WRD based on the report of the Chief Engineer (P), Kadapa, has recommended the proposal to the Government for according necessary modification on the following reasons:

- The firm M/s Aruna Multiculture Pvt. Ltd., YSR Kadapa District, requested the Government to waive off the Royalty Charges imposed @ Rs 5.50 per 1000 gallons charged for aquaculture as industrial use and requested to levy the water charges on par with water cess as per the Andhra Pradesh Water Tax Act, 1988 i.e. for Rs 500/- per acre per year for Aquaculture as per G.O. 3rd read above. "Supply of water for aquaculture cannot be treated as supply for industrial use".
- Further submitted that the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India issued Guild lines to States to consider Aquaculture on par with Agriculture and so much so all incentives, tax benefits concessional tariff etc. should be extended to all Aquaculture related activities. The Government of A.P has issued revised Andhra Pradesh Water Tax Act 1997(amendment) (Act No 13 of 1997) to provide for rationalization of the levy and collection of Water Tax in the State (for Agriculture & Aquacultured activities).
- The Government have issued orders vide G.O. 3rd read above on Regulation of Fresh Water Aquaculture in the State and also enacted the Andhra Pradesh State Aquaculture Development Authority Act No. 29 of 2020. However, water tax rates for Aquaculture were not mentioned in the G.O & in the Act. Hence, the water tax rate of Andhra Pradesh Water Tax Act 1997 i.e. Rs 500 /- per acre for Aquaculture is still prevailing.

(P.T.O)

3. Government after careful examination of the matter and as recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief (I), WRD, Vijayawada and in partial modification to the orders issued in the G.O.5th read above, hereby accord the permission to M/s Aruna Multi Culture Pvt. Ltd., YSR Kadapa District, levying the water royalty charges as per Act No 13 of 1997 at Rs. 500/- per acre per year for Aquaculture subject to revision of water rates as fixed by the Government from time to time, while keeping all other terms and conditions mentioned in the G.O. 5th read above, unchanged.

4. The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, the Chief Engineer (P), Water Resources Department, Kadapa and the Collector & District Magistrate of YSR Kadapa district shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNEMNT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Water Resources Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Chief Engineer (P), Water Resources Department, Kadapa.
The Collector & District Magistrate, YSR Kadapa District.
The Officer concerned,
A.P. Pollution Control Board Regional Office, Kadapa.
Copy to:
The Managing Director, M/s Aruna Multi Culture Pvt. Ltd.,
Indukur (V), V.N.Palli (M), YSR Kadapa District.
The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Department.
The P.S. the Prl. Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

P.K. Shanmalla

SECTION OFFICER